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KUWAIT

REF: SECSTATE 190832

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and (d).

¶1. (U) Post's response to Department inquiries in State
190832 follows.

¶2. (C/NF) Immigration Databases

- The Government of Kuwait (GOK) Ministry of the Interior has
a computerized immigration database. Information for all
entries and exits are entered into this database at all of
Kuwait's ports of entry.

- The computerized databases are updated daily.

¶3. (C/NF) Watchlist and Information Sharing

- All persons entering and exiting Kuwait are screened
against the DOI and CED databases which generate hits for
persons with criminal convictions and immigration violations.

- Individuals are screened against two international
watchlists: Interpol and TSA No Fly.

- There are no bilateral or multilateral watchlists. The
Government of Kuwait does exchange fingerprint information of
persons with serious criminal convictions with fellow Gulf
Cooperation Council members, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab
Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Oman on a monthly basis.

¶4. (C/NF) Biometrics

- There are no fully operational biometric systems in place
at ports of entry. The GOK is currently testing an
electronic fingerprinting system at the international
airport. Ultimately the system is to be used at all ports of
entry.

- The GOK uses fingerprint identification. The Ministry of
Interior obtains fingerprints from Kuwaitis when they apply
for national identification cards at age 18 and from foreign
residents when they apply for residence permits.

- The GOK has a DNA database. It takes DNA samples from
convicted prisoners.

- The GOK does not yet issue machine-readable (MR) passports
with biometric information but plans to begin issuing them by
¶2008.

¶5. (C/NF) Post believes that the GOK will continue to be an
appropriate partner for counterterror data sharing.

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